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Subject:

Method and Apparatus for Providing and Maintaining

a User-Interactive Portal System Accessible via Internet or other Switched-Packet-Network

To:

The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks

Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir;

Preliminary Amendment

In the specification:

Please add the section entitled "Cross-Reference to Related Documents" beginning at line 8 as follows:

The present application is a continuation application of copending application 10/180,146, filed 06/25/2002, which is a continuation of US application 09/208,740, filed 12/08/1998, which issued as US Patent 6,412,073 on 06/25/2002, and which is incorporated herein in its entirety.